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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 57**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Hertzberg and Senator  
Polanco**

May 6, 1999

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57—Relative to  
commemorative state seals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 57, as amended, Hertzberg. Commemorative state  
seals.

This measure would provide for the creation of ~~an~~  
~~11-member~~—*a 13-member* Commemorative Seals Advisory  
Committee to make recommendations to the Governor and  
the Legislature regarding the design, construction, and  
dedication of 2 commemorative seals, one honoring Native  
Americans in California and the other honoring California's  
Spanish and Mexican heritage, for installation on the landing  
of the upper steps on the west side of the State Capitol on the  
level below the Great Seal of California.

The measure would specify that funds for the construction  
of the commemorative seals are to be provided ~~for through~~  
(1) *by* appropriation by the Legislature ~~and that~~ *with* the bill  
making such an appropriation ~~shall designate~~ *designating* the  
Department of General Services as the state agency  
responsible for organizing the construction of the  
commemorative seals, (2) *by private donations to the*

*advisory committee, or (3) by both appropriation by the Legislature and private donations.*

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, In the year 2000, the State of California will  
2 celebrate the 150th year, the sesquicentennial, of its  
3 existence as an American state; and

4 WHEREAS, For as many as 40 generations, Native  
5 Americans have lived within the boundaries of present  
6 day California and Native American names dot the  
7 landscape of California; and

8 WHEREAS, Native Americans were the first  
9 Californians, and Californians today should be educated  
10 about the enduring legacy of the Native American  
11 heritage of our state; and

12 WHEREAS, In recognition of the sesquicentennial, the  
13 Legislature declares its intent to memorialize 40  
14 generations of Native Americans in California through a  
15 monument at the State Capitol; and

16 WHEREAS, The Spanish and Mexican era represents  
17 the colonial and the first frontier history of our great state  
18 inasmuch as Spain brought European civilization to  
19 California, and Mexico administered California for nearly  
20 25 years as its northernmost frontier; and

21 WHEREAS, Spanish names dot our landscape and the  
22 pueblos, presidios, missions, and ranchos of Spain  
23 established the beginnings of California's political and  
24 institutional life. On the 150th anniversary of the  
25 establishment of the State of California, it is clear that as  
26 a matter of people, culture, and historic heritage,  
27 California and Mexico are bonded together in their  
28 mutual destinies; and

29 WHEREAS, In recognition of the sesquicentennial, the  
30 Legislature declares its intent to memorialize the Spanish  
31 and Mexican era of California through a monument at the  
32 State Capitol; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*  
34 *Senate thereof concurring, That the Commemorative*  
35 *Seals Advisory Committee, composed of ~~11~~ 13 members,*  
36 *be created to include all of the following:*

1 (a) The California State Librarian.

2 (b) A representative of the Native American Heritage  
3 Commission, selected by the members of that  
4 commission.

5 (c) A representative of the Historic State Capitol  
6 Commission, selected by the members of that  
7 commission.

8 (d) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the  
9 Assembly, with at least one member representing Native  
10 Americans and at least one member representing  
11 Mexican Americans.

12 (e) Three members appointed by the Senate  
13 Committee on Rules, with at least one member  
14 representing Native Americans and at least one member  
15 representing Mexican Americans.

16 (f) ~~Two~~—Three members appointed by the Governor,  
17 with at least one member representing Mexican  
18 ~~Americans; and Americans.~~

19 (g) *One member appointed by the Lieutenant*  
20 *Governor; and* be it further

21 *Resolved,* That the advisory committee shall make  
22 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature  
23 regarding the construction of two commemorative seals,  
24 one honoring Native Americans in California, and the  
25 other honoring California's Spanish and Mexican  
26 heritage, for installation on the steps on the west side of  
27 the State Capitol Building; and be it further

28 *Resolved,* That the recommendations by the advisory  
29 committee incorporate all of the following components:

30 (a) That each of the two commemorative seals be  
31 smaller than the Great Seal of California that is located on  
32 the landing of the upper steps on the west side of the State  
33 Capitol.

34 (b) That the commemorative seals be installed on the  
35 landing of the steps on the west side of the State Capitol  
36 on the level below the Great Seal of California.

37 (c) That the commemorative seal honoring Native  
38 Americans contain a map of California with the names of  
39 the 70 major native California tribes depicted on its  
40 surface.



(d) That the commemorative seal honoring California's Spanish and Mexican heritage contain a map of California depicting the names of the pueblos, presidios, missions, and major ranchos of the Spanish and Mexican eras; and be it further

~~Resolved, That funds for the construction of the commemorative seals be provided for upon appropriation by the Legislature and that the bill appropriating funds for this purpose designate the Department of General Services as the administering state agency of the funds so appropriated and as the state agency responsible for organizing the construction of the commemorative seals; and be it further~~

*RESOLVED, That funds for the construction of the commemorative seals be provided by any of the following means:*

*(a) Appropriation by the Legislature. The bill appropriating funds for this purpose shall designate the Department of General Services as the administering state agency of the funds so appropriated and as the state agency responsible for organizing the construction of the commemorative seals.*

*(b) Private contributions made to the advisory committee for the construction of the commemorative seals.*

*(c) Both appropriation by the Legislature pursuant to subdivision (a) and private contributions pursuant to subdivision (b); and be it further*

*Resolved, That the advisory committee shall make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature with respect to the design, construction, and dedication of the commemorative seals as follows:*

*(a) After consultation with the Department of General Services, establishing a schedule for the design, construction, and dedication of the commemorative seals.*

*(b) After consultation with the Department of General Services, implementing procedures to solicit designs for the commemorative seals and devising a selection process for the choice of the designs.*

1 (c) Selecting the designs.

2 (d) Reviewing and monitoring the design and  
3 construction of the commemorative seals and  
4 establishing a program for the dedication of the seals  
5 during the year 2000; and be it further

6 *Resolved*, That the advisory committee make its  
7 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature at  
8 the earliest time possible; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly provide  
10 copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Director of  
11 General Services, and the author for appropriate  
12 distribution.

